

Amendments to and Listing of Claims

The status of the claims is: claims 2-6, 8, 12-18, 20, 22, 23 and 27-31 are canceled; claims 1, 7, 10, 11, 21 and 24-26 are currently amended; claim 19 was previously amended; and claim 9 is as originally filed. The Listing of Claims below replaces all prior versions of claims and listings of claims.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for conducting electronic trading of foreign exchange forwards, the system comprising:

- a central server for tracking currency trades;
- a plurality of trading workstations; and
- at least one remote server interfacing the trading workstations to the central server, wherein the at least one remote server mediates currency trades between traders using the workstations by consulting ~~pre-set~~ trading configurations associated with each trader, wherein at least one of the pre-set trading configurations includes include at least one temporary restriction of ~~predetermined duration on a specified trader set~~ settable by a first trader with respect to at least one trader and when set automatically expiring at or after a predetermined time or time period to put the specified trader set into a penalty box state.

Claims 2-6: canceled.

7. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1 2, wherein the trading configurations correspond to filter settings for at least one filter criterion, and wherein the at least one filter criterion including the at least one temporary restriction is used by the remote server to block the display of trades from the at least one ~~specified~~ trader set from view by the first trader.

Claim 8: cancelled.

9. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein at least one trading workstation is associated with a telephone for providing voice communications between a trader associated therewith and other entities having telephone capabilities; and

wherein the trading workstation provides data communications between the trader associated therewith and other entities having data communication capabilities, thereby providing traders on the system with both voice-based and data-based trading functionality.

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10. (Currently Amended) A system for conducting electronic trading of foreign exchange forwards, the system comprising:

a central server for tracking currency trades;

a plurality of trading workstations organized in a plurality of groups for conducting electronic data-based trading, with a portion of the trading workstations associated with respective telephones for conducting voice-based trading;

a plurality of remote servers, each respective remote server being associated with a respective group of trading workstations and interfacing the respective group of trading workstations to the central server, wherein the remote servers mediate currency trades between traders using the workstations by consulting ~~pre-set~~ trading configurations associated with each trader corresponding to filter settings for at least one filter criterion, which includes at least one temporary restriction of ~~predetermined duration on a specified trader set~~ settable by a first trader with respect to at least one trader and when set automatically expiring at or after a predetermined time or time period to put the specified trader set into a penalty box state relative to the first trader; and

wherein a first remote server, connected to a first workstation associated with a first trader having associated first filter settings, blocks from view by the first trader any currency trades from other traders, ~~including the specified trader set in the penalty box state,~~ not meeting the at least one filter criterion corresponding to the first filter settings and also blocks from view by the first trader any trades of the at least one trader with respect to which the first trader has set a temporary restriction while the temporary restriction is in effect.

11. (Currently Amended) A method for conducting electronic trading of foreign exchange forwards, the method comprising:

- receiving currency trades for foreign exchange forwards from traders using a plurality of trading workstations;
- receiving ~~pre-set~~ trading configurations from traders using respective trading workstations including receiving from a first trader at least one temporary restriction settable by the first trader with respect to at least one trader and when set automatically expiring at or after a predetermined time or time period associated with a specified trader to place the specified trader into a penalty box state relative to the first trader;
- tracking the currency trades in a central server; and
- mediating currency trades between traders using at least one remote server,

including:

- interfacing the workstations ~~of respective traders~~ to the central server;
- consulting ~~pre-set~~ trading configurations associated with each trader; and
- controlling the distribution of trading information between traders based on the trading configurations, to conduct the currency trades, including the step of: temporarily temporarily blocking and restricting from the view of the first trader for a predetermined duration any trading information from each the specified trader with respect to which a temporary restriction has been received from the first trader while the temporary restriction is in effect has put into a penalty box state.

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Claims 12-18: canceled.

19. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 11, further comprising:
providing telephones respectively associated with a portion of the workstations for conducting voice communications between a trader associated therewith and other entities having telephone capabilities; and
providing data communications between the workstations and the traders associated therewith and other entities having data communication capabilities, thereby providing traders on the system with both voice-based and data-based trading functionality.

Claim 20: canceled.

21. (Currently Amended) A system for conducting electronic trading of foreign exchange forwards, the system comprising:
a central server for tracking currency trades;
a plurality of trading workstations; and
at least one remote server interfacing the trading workstations to the central server, wherein the at least one remote server mediates currency trades between traders using the workstations by consulting filter settings for at least one filter criterion associated with each trader; and
wherein a first remote server, connected to a first workstation associated with a first trader having associated first filter settings, blocks from view by the first trader any currency trades from other traders not meeting the at least one filter criterion corresponding to the first filter settings, wherein the filter settings ~~pre-set trading~~

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~~configurations include at least one temporary restriction settable by a first trader with respect to at least one trader and when set automatically expiring at or after a predetermined time or time period, which blocks from view by the first trader any trades of the at least one trader with respect to which the first trader has set a temporary restriction while the temporary restriction is in effect of predetermined duration on a specified trader set by a first trader to put the specified trader set into a penalty box state.~~

Claims 22-23: canceled.

24. (Currently Amended) A system for conducting electronic trading of foreign exchange forwards, the system comprising:

- a central server for tracking currency trades;
- a plurality of trading workstations; and
- at least one remote server interfacing the trading workstations to the central server, wherein the at least one remote server mediates currency trades between traders using the workstations by consulting at least one filter criterion which includes at least one temporary restriction settable by a first trader with respect to at least one trader and when set automatically expiring at or after a predetermined time or time period, which blocks from view by the first trader any trades of the at least one trader with respect to which the first trader has set a temporary restriction while the temporary restriction is in effect of predetermined duration on a specified trader specified by a first trader to put the specified trader into a penalty box state.

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25. (Currently Amended) A system for conducting electronic trading of foreign exchange forwards, the system comprising:

- a central server for tracking currency trades;
- a plurality of trading workstations; and
- at least one remote server interfacing the trading workstations to the central server, wherein the at least one remote server mediates currency trades between traders using the workstations using a database listing a set of traders, stored in a memory of the remote server, with which a first trader is willing to trade, and wherein the remote server uses ~~pre-set trading configurations including at least one temporary restriction~~ settable by a first trader with respect to at least one trader and when set automatically expiring at or after a predetermined time or time period of predetermined duration on a specified trader set by a first trader to put the specified trader into a penalty box state; and

wherein the remote server, responsive to a selection by the first trader of a subset of the set of traders, conveys a request-for-quote transmission from the first trader to the selected subset of traders except for requests for quotes of the at least one trader with respect to which the first trader has set a temporary restriction while the temporary restriction is in effect.

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26. (Currently Amended) A system for conducting electronic trading of foreign exchange forwards, the system comprising:

- a central server for tracking currency trades;
- a plurality of trading workstations; and
- at least one remote server interfacing the trading workstations to the central server, wherein the at least one remote server mediates currency trades between traders using the workstations using ~~pre-set~~ trading configurations including at least one temporary restriction settable by a first trader with respect to at least one trader and when set automatically expiring at or after a predetermined time or time period and blocking from view by the first trader any trades of the at least one trader with respect to which the first trader has set a temporary restriction while the temporary restriction is in effect of predetermined duration on a specified trader set by a first trader to put the specified trader set into a penalty box state;

wherein at least one trading workstation is associated with a telephone for providing voice communications between a trader associated therewith and other entities having telephone capabilities; and

wherein the trading workstation provides data communications between the trader associated therewith and other entities having data communication capabilities, thereby providing traders on the system with both voice-based and data-based trading functionality.

Claims 27-31: canceled.

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